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Dear friend May:

I am obliged to you for your letter of the 30th inst.
Just before I left London, on my way home, Mr Chesson expressed a strong desire to have the Proceedings at the Reception Meeting at the St James's Hall published in a creditable volume, and with the various Speeches made on the occasion revised by the several speakers; deeming it a matter of historical interest and importance. He said he would readily take the trouble to superintend the printing, with a Preface, &c.; and that Mr Tweedie, the Publisher on the Strand, had offered to print a certain number of copies, at the lowest rate, provided he could be guaranteed against loss. In order to encourage an effort of this kind, I told Mr Chesson that he might consider me responsible for one hundred copies, in case Mr Tweedie should publish the Proceedings in the manner designed. So long a time, however, had elapsed without my receiving one word from Mr Chesson on the subject, that I had concluded the project must have fallen through. A few days ago, unlike to my surprise and gratification, I received through the Custom House a box containing the copies for which I subscribed, with an invoice of the same, but no letter from Mr Chesson. The duties on the same were more than one third of the whole cost — making, in all, about one hundred and twenty-five dollars, or \$1.25 per volume, to which add twelve cents on each copy for postage when sent through the mail. Of course, I subscribed for the hundred copies expressly to give them to friends whom I love, to various subscribers to the Testimonial, to leading public men, to public libraries, &c. I now regret that I did not order double the number, as I find I must leave unsupplied many whom I desire to remember by a slight token like this, and as I presume no additional copies can be procured from London. I am sure that you will be gratified to learn that so many copies, at least, are secured for this purpose. And now let me show you how I have

distributed them.

One to Harvard College Library: do. to Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Brown University, Yale, and Oberlin Institute.

One to each of the Executive Committee on the Testimonial Fund; — and one to each of the following persons: —

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Also, a copy to the Public Library in Boston, and another to the Athenaeum.

Half a dozen I have reserved for myself and children.

Perhaps you may wish two or three individuals to be remembered, whom I have omitted. If so, let me know.

Tomorrow, R. D. Webb, his son Richard, his daughter Deborah, and Miss Estlin will leave Liverpool for New York, (probably in the City of Paris,) and may be expected to arrive by the 17th inst. Miss Estlin will probably proceed at once to Philadelphia, and Richard's son and daughter to Ohio.

Yours, with warm regards,

W. L. Garrison.

Rev. Samuel May, Jr

Leicester

Mass.

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